

NO REDUCTION IS EXPECTED IN PRICES OF MEAT IN CAPITAL

Dealers of This City Do Not Think Costs Will Be Affected Here.

There will be no decrease in the price of meat in this city in the near future, as far as we know, is the statement given out today by the manager of T. T. Keane & Co., when asked if there was a prospect for cheaper meats here after the first of the year. "There is a slight lowering of meat prices about now," he continued, "but this is not an unusual thing, and is largely a local matter, due to the Christmas season and the supply."

The managers of Armour & Co.'s and Morris, Nelson & Co.'s wholesale departments here today denied that there was any prospect of a drop in meat prices. There are variations of price in the market, and this time of year is not especially active, but any prospect of a drop was declared unlikely.

Reports from the markets show that meat is high, and dealers declare that there is not likely to be any drop so long as the cold season is on. A sirloin steak is now quoted at 35 cents a pound, roast at 25 cents, porterhouse steak at 35 cents, and chops at 25 cents, and veal, which is said to be scarce, is quoted at 35 cents a pound for cutlets and chops and 15 cents a pound for breasts.

TODAY ANNIVERSARY OF FAMOUS EVENTS

Jerome Bonaparte, Ancestor of Former Attorney General, Married on This Day in 1803.

Today is the anniversary of the wedding in Baltimore of Jerome Bonaparte to Elizabeth Patterson, which took place December 24, 1803. From this union are descended former Attorney General Bonaparte and other members of the family living in Baltimore and this city.

Today is also the anniversary of an attempt to assassinate the great Bonaparte, Napoleon I. An infernal machine was aimed at him in 1800. On this date in 1815 the treaty of Ghent was signed, ending the war between Great Britain and the United States. It will be recalled that the battle of New Orleans was fought this date, word of the consummation of peace not having been received in this country in time to prevent the destruction of the British by the riflemen under Andrew Jackson.

Today in 1831 a great reception was given in Philadelphia for Louis Kersaint. On this date in 1882, William Makepeace Thackeray, the novelist, died.

TATF'S TAILOR IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Owen Owen, in Business Here Quarter of Century, Succumbs to Brief Illness.

A notable business career of more than a quarter of a century in Washington was ended with the death of Owen Owen, a well-known tailor, at his home, 1622 H street northwest, yesterday. He had been ill less than a week.

Mr. Owen was President Tatf's tailor, and his clientele numbered some of the leading official and business men of the city. He was born in Wales in 1846, coming to this country with his parents when a child, and his family located in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Owen established his tailoring shop in this city about twenty-five years ago, and was the first president of the National Association of Merchant Tailors.

Mr. Owen was identified with the Masons, and was a member of several civic and trade bodies. He is survived by a son, Richard E. Owen.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the body will be buried in Oak Hill cemetery. The Rev. T. E. Davis will officiate.

Son of Mme. da Gama Gives "Cigarette Tea"

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Society is talking today of yesterday's afternoon reception that was not only a novelty in name, but in its environment. It was a "cigarette tea" in an office building at the busy corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-second street. Mrs. John Harpner Bonnell, daughter of John Harpner Bonnell, who died last June, and her associates in exploiting a brand of cigarettes Geoffrey Bonnell, her brother; John Harpner Bonnell, Jr., and Morris R. Volok, son of Mme. Domico da Gama, wife of the Brazilian ambassador to the United States, were hosts and hostesses.

In the corner of the main office was a Christmas tree, from the branches of which dangled, amid gaudy red and glistening white tinsel, hundreds of cigarettes.

When the guests had helped themselves to all that the tree afforded they found hundreds more in dainty decorated boxes on the table laden with typical 4 o'clock liquid and solid refreshment.

Kaiser Sends Flowers For Golet Coffin

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Many prominent families were represented at the funeral of Mrs. Harriette Louise Warren Golet, widow of Robert Golet. Mrs. Golet died in her Paris home on December 18, and her body was brought here on board the Providence of the French line.

The Empress of Germany sent a wreath of flowers entwined with the German colors, which was placed on the coffin by Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States.

Queen Mother Emma of Holland Very Ill

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—Queen Mother Emma of Holland is ill. Announcement is made that she will not take part in the court Christmas festivities.

COLUMBUS KNIGHTS PLAN BIG KIRMESS

Will Be Held Easter Monday Night and Receipts Will Be Applied to Fund for Construction of New Clubhouse.

Funds to aid in the construction of a clubhouse for the Knights of Columbus will be raised by a monster Kirmess to be given by members of the order on Easter Monday night. The Kirmess will be held in the present Knights of Columbus Temple, at 404 B street northwest.

It is proposed to make the Kirmess the most ambitious entertainment ever given by the order in Washington, and the members of the various committees are enthusiastic over the plans proposed. Dr. J. Roster Biggs, chairman of the executive committee for the Kirmess, has been surrounded by an active body of committees, and the work of preparation is now on in earnest.

Following is a list of committees which will have the entertainment in charge:

Executive—Dr. J. Roster Biggs, chairman; John A. Madigan, John J. Keenan, Francis J. P. Cleary, T. M. Ring, A. D. Wilkinson, financial secretary; Joseph T. Fitzgerald, recording secretary; Michael D. Schaeffer, treasurer.

Journalism—John J. Keenan, D. A. Edwards, R. M. Daly, J. Fred Brady, James F. Dougherty, and S. Leo McGowan.

Novelty stand—Capt. C. E. Edwards, chairman; John H. Clippner, vice chairman; Joseph P. Cain, J. J. Conroy, M. Brinkley, J. C. Merkle, John E. Hogan, E. L. Tucker, James H. Kates, Joseph J. Dugan.

Printing—T. M. Ring, chairman; Harry Ralvey, vice chairman; E. J. Smith, P. A. Mitchell, K. Gallaher, Pater Raitavall, George L. Thompson, George H. Dorsey, E. J. Cunningham, T. C. Donnelly.

Scholarship—Francis J. P. Cleary, chairman; Dr. J. H. Mudd, vice chairman; Charles W. Darr, Richard A. Curtis, and W. J. McGee.

EXPERTS DESIRED TO PREPARE DATA FOR PARTY FIGHTS

Bill of Senator Owen Calls For Congressional Reference Library.

Employment of experts on behalf of both of the leading parties in Congress, for the collection and preparation of data, to be used in defense of the respective party positions, is the new feature of the legislative reference bill, prepared by George H. Shibley, secretary of the National Association of Democratic Precinct Clubs, and introduced by Senator Owen, president of the association.

The Owen bill calls for an expenditure of \$20,000 annually for the maintenance of a Congressional reference library in which bills for all parties represented in Congress may be prepared by experts.

Instead, however, of authorizing the selection of non-partisan experts, it provides for a joint board, representing the leading parties, which shall give to each party the services of experts, holding its point of view.

PLUNGES TO DEATH AT GAY WEDDING

Victim Mistakes Door of Shaft for Smoking Room

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Amid the gayeties attending a wedding in the ballroom of the Murray Hill Lyceum, Michael Lo Scalzo, sixty-six years old, walked a few steps and plunged to his death.

Mistaking the door of a dumbwaiter for that of a smoking room, he fell fifteen feet down the shaft.

Mr. Lo Scalzo was accompanied by his son, A. M. Lo Scalzo, leader of the Royal Comopolitan Band, to the wedding. He continued to lean in the music, never dreaming that the aged man lay dead only a few feet away.

Duel in Dark Room Over Hand of Girl

WASHINGTON, Pa., Dec. 24.—Locked in a room twelve feet square, and with only the flashing fire of their revolvers to guide their shots, two rivals for the hand of Miss Rita Becerra, seventeen years old, fought a battle to the death in a boarding house in West Zolliardville.

When the firing ceased and the seconds rushed in from the hall they found Bert Quinn dying, with a bullet wound in his neck, and Harry Muscovey, crouching in a far corner of the room.

Quinn died almost immediately and Muscovey fled.

Women Are Slaves To Morphine Habit

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A general investigation into the illicit sale of morphine in Paris will be made as a result of the death here from the use of the drug of Rene Bichet, a young man who recently was appointed professor of French in the royal college at Budapest. The vice is said to be at its worst among the young women frequenters of the night cafes and dance halls and in collegiate circles in the Latin Quarter.

Blow Up Safe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Safe blowers blew open the safe of the Grand Rapids Furniture Company here and escaped with \$2,000 in cash and \$500 in checks. The robbers waited until a subway train was roaring by the building and then set off the dynamite.

VISCOUNT INDICTED FOR SENDING BAD LETTERS TO WIFE

Twenty-three Are Held on True Bills by Twenty-third Grand Jury.

Suggesting sort of a hoodoo, the grand jury yesterday returned twenty-three indictments to Criminal Court No. 1, four of the cases involving alleged misuse of the mails.

Viscount Alphonse de Thury was indicted on a charge of sending obscene letters to his wife. He addressed her as "the widow," it is alleged, and used French in applying the objectionable terms.

Fred Rogers was indicted twice on charges of sending obscene letters through the mail, one to Major Striver, superintendent of police, and the other to a young woman. The contents of the letters were not set forth in the indictment.

Marcello J. Belmont, alias Michael J. Borg, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, is charged with criminal libel in an indictment, it being alleged that he obtained a picture from a young woman after paying attentions to her, and then resorted to threatening means to do away with the parental objections.

Manuscript is charged in an indictment against Joseph Childs, colored, who is alleged to have killed William L. Manuel, white, by knocking him down at the District Club in August.

Other true bills presented were: Grand larceny, Walter Ringer and Benjamin Langston; embezzlement, John Williams; two housebreaking and larceny, John G. Gray, Edward T. Rose and Francis Rutledge; robbery, Edith Williams; larceny, Lewis and Charles T. Daly; false pretenses, forgery and uttering, Charles N. Howard; assault with a dangerous weapon, George J. Williams, John Hebron and Hattie Calk; misuse of the mails, Walter H. Bogus and William L. Coghill; forgery and uttering, Edward J. Devereaux; receiving stolen property, William Lewis; complaints charging:

With robbery, Benjamin Boston, with assault with a dangerous weapon, and Frank M. McCully, with grand larceny were ignored by the grand jury.

NO DEFICIT FOUND IN FINANCES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Reported Elliott Charges Against Forbes Cause Confusion in Bureau.

The reported charges of Charles B. Elliott, former Philippines secretary of the division of commerce and labor, against Government General Forbes, have caused much confusion at the Bureau of Insular Affairs because of the fact, according to Bureau officials, that there has been no evidence of maladministration and because the alleged deficit in Philippine finances does not exist.

However, the Bureau of Insular Affairs only places the reported facts regarding Philippine administration before the public, and is not in a defensive position. The officers would much prefer that Congress investigate conditions in the Philippines and report thereon.

Want Visiting Board.

For three years the bureau has asked Congress to send a visiting board to the Philippines. Last spring Congressman Olmstead introduced a bill providing for the appointment by Senate and House Philippine affairs chairman of a visiting board, who would be authorized to make a trip to the Philippines and examine into the administration of affairs.

It is stated that the expenses of Philippine government have increased rapidly within the last few years because Governor General Forbes has pressed the completion of public works. The most recent financial statement of the islands shows a cash balance, however, of \$4,000,000 pesos.

No Deficit Appears.

A large part of this is held to maintain the gold standard and to meet appropriated expenditures, but in none of the provisions does there appear to be a deficit.

Judge Elliott was recently in Washington and while here his resignation was accepted. It was demanded by the President as a result of reported criticism between Judge Elliott and Governor General Forbes. In talking with Insular Bureau officials, however, Judge Elliott intimated that he had never had a clash with the governor general.

VASSAR GIRLS TAKE BABY TO MOTHER

Child Carried 1,500 Miles for Poor, Eager Widow.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—A yearning mother in Minnesota was able to see her only child, a big blue-eyed boy, a year old, for the first time in six months through the aid of two dozen Vassar girls, who carried the child half way across the continent on their way home for the Christmas holidays. The baby was left in Brooklyn last summer when the mother sought work in the West.

Several weeks ago the mother wrote to the institution that she longed to see her baby and that nothing would suit her better than to have him by Christmas. She was too poor to come to him and did not have enough money to hire an attendant for the trip.

The Brooklyn people wrote to Vassar asking if one of the girls going West for the holidays would carry the baby to her mother. More than two dozen girls volunteered.

Firemen of Boston May Organize Union

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Boston's firemen are considering a step that may earn for them the distinction of being the first of any city in the East to affiliate themselves with organized labor. The members of the department—the hosemen and laddermen—have agreed to meet at an early hour tomorrow to decide definitely whether or not they want to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor. It is believed the bulk of the firemen will favor such a step.

FACING MACHINE CONTRACTS TO BE SUBJECT OF PROBE

Records in Case Presented to House Committee by Grandfield.

An examination into contracts and specifications for so-called facing machines, used in connection with the canceling machines at big postoffices, is to be taken up next by the House subcommittee that is probing into the squabble over canceling machine contracts.

Dr. Grandfield, First Assistant Postmaster General, was before the committee again, and presented papers and records of contracts, specifications and similar papers, which it is expected will be made the subject of hearings.

In the meantime the efforts of the department to reach some adjustment and conclusion of the canceling machine question seem to be at a standstill. It is not likely that any action looking to the award of a contract for machines for the next four years will be made pending the conclusion of the committee's work.

Beating Proves Fatal.

GEORGETOWN, Del., Dec. 24.—Ora Steele, son of William Steele, living near Stockley, four miles from here, is dead as a result of a brutal beating which it is alleged he received from William Toomey, the fight resulting from an old grudge.

RECORD IS SET FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES

Forty Papers to Wed Are Issued At City Hall During One Day.

Messrs. Dan Cupid and Santa Claus are co-operating to smash records at the marriage license counter at City Hall, more than forty licenses having been issued yesterday.

A long line of new-suited and new-shoed swains greeted Colonel Krowl, first aid to the little god of love on his arrival at City Hall this forenoon. The couples came from many States, one prospective bride hailing from Canada. Virginia and Maryland furnished their usual proportion of couples.

Colonel Krowl predicts that former Christmas records will be broken—also his trusty right arm—Cupid and Claus do not dissolve partnership.

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Suicide by Train.

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BARRE WOOL CO. WILL PAY FINE IN CIVIL CASES

Criminal Prosecution Dropped by United States for Importing Aliens.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—United States District Attorney Garland announced today that the cases which were being prosecuted against the Barre Wool Combing Company, of South Barre, Mass., a London owned textile mill corporation for violating the contract labor law, have been dropped upon instructions from Attorney General Wickersham, and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel.

The Government for some months has been prosecuting A. Vernon Wilby and Arthur Bayliss of the Barre Company, under the criminal law. By an agreement with the Government, the Barre company will be formally attached in the Civil United States Court here, charged with bringing into this country twenty aliens in violation of the alien contract labor law to work at the Barre mills.

The Barre company, according to agreement, that no criminal prosecution will follow, will plead guilty and pay a fine of \$50,000.

The civil suit will be brought by District Attorney Garland.

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